

Maikukutea

1. Maikukutea was named after a battle between Ngatoroirangi and his brother in law Manaia. Manaia wanted utu for an insult given by Ngatoroirangi. The taua of Manaia anchored off his island Matarehua where he then challenged Ngatoroirangi to a fight. However, being late in the afternoon Ngatoroirangi stated that they would fight the next day. During that evening Ngatoroirangi offered up his prayers to his atua and they sent a storm that annihilated the taua of Manaia. The next morning all that remained of the forces of Manaia were their washed up bodies buried under the sand and their finger nails protruding through the sand at Te Akau.